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**CIVIL WAR LETTER OF THOMAS SEVERN,
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26th October/44

Camp Near P. Plan from (Hornet)
Dear Sirs

After having everything packed up and ready to move I thought to write you a few lines before starting,

Last night we received orders to be ready to move at a moment's notice. It is the opinion of all hands that we will make another flank movement toward the left, our forces are very large, have a considerable number of one gear troops in this department.

Our lines here are very close every thing is quiet no more picket firing. "The Poloneses" have a good band that play every evening. Last night they played the Mocking Bird Lark Song & several times that we have been playing. I would not

mind taking a trip over there some day and exchange music with them, it would be a little risky though.

If you havent much to do I wish you would try and knit me a pair or two of thick woolen stockings. The governments are not worth much, have worn out about ten pair on this campaign. How about those over shirts, the handkerchiefs, are first rate, as this is the only matter they come in bulky.

Another deserter from our army was brought in this morning, he looks a little saddy. I'm thinking he will "go over" the same as that other covey did last week with a dose of Uncle Sam's Pills recommended. He looks as though he didn't hear the punk the other had & he was the easiest you ever heard of.

Barber or somebody is humming along
at Richmond, can hear them grow
quite plain.

What has become of Grimes, has
he gone to Chattanooga yet, he has been
a little careful down here, "Johnnies"
are getting a little close to that
place.

Everything is now nearly
ready to move, we take no wagons
with us, pack mules will carry
all the traps, we have five days
ration in our haversacks so the
next place you hear from we will
be a little farther south, perhaps
Petersburg may swing around in
the rear of the doomed city, its
look suspicious when there is no
wagons to go with us I expect it will
be an march of about thirty miles
nevertheless I am in for it if its a
hundred miles, but if "dead hats" are
going to the rear.

Our Band now is getting along
first rate, don't want any more
Hospital business with us men
that get sick every time they hear
a cannon go off. There is but seven
of our boys together yet. we intend
to stick as long as there is a man
left of us. the two bands now make about
twenty men & get along first rate
Blow it if you can like

I hope this to make this as
interesting as I could out of what
little news there is stirring
- am in good health

Tell Mother to write soon, I want
to see a few lines in yours to
your letter if she
can find time. Love

Thomas Jones
Remember me to all
Dr. Quising friends if there are any
@ Pick

Direct.

Thos Jones (Blower)
Head Quarters
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